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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

~~Delete the four paragraphs set forth between page 2, line 18 and page 3, line 17.~~

On page 3, before line 18, add the following paragraph:

C1 -- There have been a number of attempts to devise a system of money free slot machines.--

~~Delete the two paragraphs set forth between page 3, line 30 and page 4, line 11.~~

~~Delete all of the paragraphs set forth between page 4, line 13 and page 7, line 31~~

On page 4, after the heading "Summary of Invention" on line 12, add the following paragraph:

C2 -- In one aspect, the invention is directed to a gaming system that pays credits responsive to an outcome of a game played comprising a plurality of gaming apparatus; an